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Dear Mr. Gibbons:

My daughter (age 16) and a girl friend will be visiting in Washington this coming Thursday and Friday. I have arranged for them to see many historical places of interest and to meet several important people.

For them, it's a pleasure trip, and that is the way I want it to be. But at the same time, it can also be very educational and that is why I am so very interested in it.

I would like for them to meet you. If you will be in town, and if it's convenient, would you see them for maybe five minutes and say a few kind words about the labor movement and the Teamsters?

Any time Thursday or Friday afternoons would be convenient for them, and I imagine they would come over to your place by themselves, as I am pretty well tied up these days.

Sincerely,

Jim Clay

JIM CLAY, Assistant To
Edgar W. Hiestand, M. C.

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103 House Office Building
Washington 25, D. C.
June 9, 1959

International Brotherhood of Teamsters,
Chauffeurs, Warehousemen & Helpers of America
25 Louisiana Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Mr. Harold J. Gibbons

Gentlemen:

I've heard it rumoured that your General President is considering writing a book which will tell your side of the story and thus offset some of the adverse publicity attending events of the past two years.

If this be true, or should it develope in the future, I would like to be considered as a literary assistant for the project, assuming you would engage someone for that purpose.

The three attachments explain, 1) why you might pick me; 2) a preliminary lay-out of a manuscript which I hope will indicate my interest and insight; and 3) some ideas as to the terms of such an agreement.

Your acknowledgement of this letter will be sincerely appreciated.

Sincerely,

Jim Clay

JIM CLAY

WE, THE TEAMSTERS - by James R. Hoffa

Chapters 1 through 10, about 2,500 to 3,000 words each.

1. A Little History (of the Teamsters)

2. Citizens First (our place in the American society, especially economic society)

3. Hours and Wages (philosophy and practical results)

4. Labor and Politics (the whys and wherefore of legislative action)

5. Trial By Innuendo (about the McClellan hearings)

6. Story of A Strike (good narrative story, and why and how we avoid strikes)

7. Foundation and Superstructure (our organization and how it works)

8. Some Like It Hot (ouster from AFL-CIO, why and how it happened, and results)

9. Your Obedient Servant (Hoffa's job, his lieutenants, their job)

10. Over The Horizon (future of the Teamsters)

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Terms of agreement -

1. Two year period.

2. About 30,000 words in 10 chapters.

3. First chapter due one year from date of contract.

4. Finished manuscript due at end of two year period.

5. Cooperation of Teasesters personnel and organization.

6. Shall exercise reasonable percaution not to disclose authorship.

7. Fee of $20,000, payable as follows;

   $6,500 when contract is signed,

   $3,500 when five chapters is completed,

   $10,000 when manuscript is completed,

   50% of ~~xxxxxx~~ proceeds of any sale of rights to all or part.

   Travel expenses as may be agreed upon from time to time in the course of researching the manuscript.

8. Alteration or adjustment of sections 1 through 6 upon agreement.

Why Jim Cley should write your book.

He is a small town boy from southside Virginia. He lost his father when he was about eight, began caddying at local golf course, mowing lawns, cutting fire wood, to help his mother support family of five. His mother worked on WPA sewing projects, later as a waitress. The family was often hungry, was held together only because of the pride and strength of his mother. During school years (his mother would never allow him to quit) he worked after school hours and in summer vacation. At twelve he did farm work at 7½¢ an hour; 75¢ for a ten hour day. In a year or two he workmd on construction jobs; plumbers helper, carpenters helper etc.

Two days after graduation from high school he went to work in a full fashioned hosiery mill as a helper, at the than minimum wage of 25¢ per hour. After a few months he went to Richmond and worked as a runner in a bank and attended part time classes at U. of Richmond. After a time, he had to make more money, so went to Baltimore and worked in a shipyard for about a year before going into the Army. He was in the infantry, later transferred to the Air Force, went thru the aviation cadet corps and became a pilot and officer. No combat duty.

After the war he worked in various jobs, mostly in the selling field, and in the meantime went to school at evening classes. He does not have a college degree, in fact, never worked toward a degree. He took courses that interested him, mostly history.

He was recalled to active duty during the Korean War and spent about eighteen months overseas. He traveled extensively in Europe, North Africa, and the Middle East.

When he got back to the States he went into selling again, but soon became very active in politics, in the Republican Party of Virginia. He ran for Congress in 1956 against Howard Smith, and was beaten 38,000 to 19,000.

His speech writing and so forth x attracted a lot of attention. The Republican National Committee tried to get him to come to Washington. In February, 1958, for reasons of economic necessity, he came to Washington and took a job as Assistant to Rep. Edgar W. Hiestand (R-Calif).

Writing for Hiestand, he soon began getting invitations to write articles for various publications. Last winter he was asked by a New Work writers' agency to do a ~~xxxxx~~ story about James Hoffa. The story was to show that Hoffa is a "captive" of thugs and hoodlums. After a lot of research, he concluded that such a story could not be written honestly.

Recently he accepted an assignment from HUMAN EVENTS to do an article about the textile strike at Henderson, N. C.

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He wrote the article and it will be published in a week or two.

He has a reputation on Capitol Hill of being a man who knows a great deal about organized labor and labor problems. He is not a lawyer and therefor legislation is not his strong point. But he understands labor, judging by the stuff he has written for Hearstand and some of his own speeches, and can influence people through his writing, which is good. He says that he is one of "half dozen" men in Washington who really knows laboring people, business and union leaders.

His political experience and his interest and knowledge of labor, along with his writing ability, make him the ideal choice for this job.

EDGAR W. HIESTAND
21st District, California

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Congress of the United States
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May 4, 1959

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Mr. H. J. Gibbons
International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs,
Warehousemen and Helpers of America.
25 Louisiana Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Gibbons:

I would be very grateful for an appointment with you at your earliest convenience.

If agreeable, please write to me at this address, or telephone CApitol 4-3121, extension 2201.

Very truly yours,

Jim Clay

JIM CLAY, Administrative Ass't.
To Edgar W. Hiestand, M. C.

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Wed. 11:00 a.m.